

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



STINGER SPORTS

SPECIAL RELEASE

STINGER FACE MUST WIN SITUATION SATURDAY

This Saturday, October 17, Coach Skip Rochette's Concordia Stingers take on the number two nationally ranked and undefeated Bishop's Gaiters in an OQIFC matchup on the Loyola Campus of Concordia University.

For the fourth place Stingers, Saturday's encounter is a pivotal step in their quest to secure a post-season playoff position. Concordia's hopes will once again rest on the shoulders of rookie quarterback sensation, Ron Aboud. Aboud spearheads an offense that features tri-captain Joe D'Elia at fullback and a solid group of receivers including veterans Tony Diorio, Mirco Buth, as well as first year standout Patrick Yoshi. Mike Bertone anchors a quality offensive line in the tradition of recent Concordia CFL first-round draft selections, Nick Benjamin and Rocco Romano.

The Stinger defense, ranked third in the conference in points allowed, will have its hands full in trying to contain the high powered Bishop's offense lead by the 1986 CIAU All-Canadian quarterback Tony Harris. Among the many offensive threats at Harris's disposal is fellow 1986 All-Canadian, "big-play" phenom Wally Zatylny and the hard running and ever dangerous Dennis Walker. The task will be made that much more difficult by an improved offensive line lead by Syracuse transfer Poly Georgeanos.

If the Stinger defense relies on the inspirational play of linebackers Martin Ferdais and Gilles David, as well as that of defensive backs Dave Cescon and Stephane Chapados, the Gaiters are lead by another 1986 All-Canadian and potential 1987 Hec Craughton nominee, as outstanding player in Canada, linebacker Leroy Blugh. Blugh leads a Gaiter defense that includes stalwarts George Martin and Derek Joseph on defensive line, and John Coulter, son of 1986 CIAU "COACH OF THE YEAR" Bruce Coulter, in the secondary.

With a win Saturday Coach Coulter's Gaiters would secure the regular season OQIFC championship.

GAME TIME AT LOYOLA IS 1:00 P.M.